

International Association for the Protection of Jewish Refugees interviewed him in Geneva and in London. The deputation wanted to know from the Diwan if the Cochin Government would be prepared to allow some of the Jewish refugees to settle in the Cochin State. In view of the unfortunate plight of these refugees, the Diwan expressed the fullest sympathy. On the concrete question of permitting a few individuals to settle in the State, the Diwan explained to the deputation the inherent difficulties in the economic life of Cochin due to its small size and dense population. The Diwan, however, told the deputation that if a concrete scheme is placed before him which will not involve any financial obligations on the part of the Government, the Government would be prepared to consider such a scheme with sympathy. It was at the same time explained to the deputation that it would not be possible to give to any of the immigrants appointments in the public services of the State.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Have the Government received any concrete scheme after that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Should they get any permission from the Government to settle down in Cochin?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Certainly, permission is necessary because they are foreigners.

222. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it intends to encourage the Jews suffering persecution in foreign countries to colonise or settle down in some parts of the State;

(b) what are the conditions under which they are allowed to settle down?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Please see answer to question No. 221.

TATTAMANGALAM MUNICIPALITY—CONTROL OVER.

223. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Director of Public Health has any control over the Tattamangalam Municipality;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the control ;

(c) does any correspondence from the Tattamangalam Municipality to the Government pass through the Director of Public Health ;

(d) if so, what is the nature of the correspondence ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) The Director of Public Health and Panchayats has all the powers vested in Government under sections 34, 35 (1), 36 (1) and sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of section 38 of the Municipal Act. The previous sanction of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats is necessary for the Tattamangalam Minor Municipality to enter into contracts under section 63 of the Act.

(c) & (d) All correspondence between the Municipality and the Government passes through the Director of Public Health and Panchayats.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Since the Department of Public Health is a transferred department may I know whether the correspondence of that department ultimately reaches the Hon'ble Minister ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): But the Municipality does not come under "transferred department."

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know Sir, whether the Director of Public Health and Panchayats is given control over the minor Municipality of Tattamangalam in view of the fact that he is the head of the Department of Public Health ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): He is given control not because he is the head of the Public Health Department, but because Government thought he is the proper officer under whose control the Municipality is to be placed.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is he not an officer under the control of the Minister ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): He is also an officer under the control of the Minister. For the information of the hon'ble member I may state that there are certain departments where only certain sections have been transferred to the control of the Minister. For example, in the Industries

Department there are two sections. So far as cottage industries are concerned the Minister has control, and in respect of the other the Diwan has control.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): I want to know whether his papers pass through the Minister or whether the Minister has any connection with the correspondence.

Mr. President: It is subjects that are transferred to the Minister and not the officers. The Director of Public Health and Panchayats has not been transferred to the Minister.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): But the Department has been transferred to the Minister and it is by virtue of his being the head of that particular department that he is given some control over the Municipality. My question is whether in view of the fact that the Public Health Department has control over the Tattamangalam Municipality and the Department of Public Health and Panchayats has been transferred to the Minister, the Minister is not the controlling authority so far as that is concerned?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The Health Officers of the Municipalities are appointed by the Government. The Director of Public Health and Panchayats has control over these officers. But still the Municipality is a reserved subject.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble President that the officers are not transferred to the Minister, may I know whether the Minister enjoys all the rights over the servants of these departments, which the Diwan was enjoying before these subjects were transferred to him?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Is it a supplementary question?

Mr. President: How does that arise as a supplementary question out of Tattamangalam Municipality?

TOWN-PLANNING EXPERT—EMPLOYMENT OF.

224. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they propose to employ a town-planning expert for the State;

(b) if so, when?